



# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

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The City of Lyons would like to provide the community with an update on the progress of our Safe Routes to School project. With the stall of the project, there have been many questions and concerns, we would like to address those the best we can.

Our priority with the project is to provide a safe pathway for our students to come and go from school. Many students walk or bike to school. During inclement weather the students either have to go through puddles or go out into the roadway to avoid the puddles. This is not safe for them or the passing motorists.

The City of Lyons applied for a Safe Routes to School Grant offered through Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). We were approved for \$1,900,000.00! The SRTS grant provides 80% of the costs and a second grant from the ODOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program is covering the other 20%! The City of Lyons will have no associated costs, as long as we don't go over \$1,900,000! That is a huge win for our community!

What we know so far:

- ✚ The project has been delayed due to needing to change the paving plan. Some areas of the current pavement is much too thin to support the bulb-outs for the crosswalk. A redesign has been submitted to ODOT. We are waiting for their approval.
- ✚ The construction crew from North Santiam Paving will resume operations within the week. The initial part of the project is expected to be completed by the time school starts in the fall. However, the extension from Dogwood to Cedar may take longer due to the delay.
- ✚ Bushes and tree limbs need to be cut back along the east side of the road. Property owners are encouraged to do this on their own. If not completed by the property owner the contractor will.
- ✚ Dogwood Street is not being reduced to one lane permanently. During construction, the intersection is narrowed to allow for the construction of sidewalks, curbs, and curb ramps.
- ✚ Mailboxes will be moved off of 5<sup>th</sup> Street. We are so sorry that mail delivery was interrupted prematurely before residents were notified. This was a surprise to everyone! Residents should contact the Post Office to pick up the mail that is being held there.
- ✚ Unfortunately, parking has been eliminated during construction, to allow traffic to move safely through the work zone. This came as a surprise, as well, but needed to be done.

We do apologize for the inconvenience to you all! There is sure to be more bumps ahead. We ask for your understanding and patience as we move through this project together.

You're invited to stop by to view the plans and discuss the project.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Lyons City Hall.